IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

pplication of: J. Daly et al.

Examiner:

Shun K. Lee

Serial No:

10/081,655

Art Unit:

2878

Filing Date:

February 22, 2002

Title:

Absorption Spectroscopy Apparatus and Method

Docket No:

56326-039 (IOPL-118)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Post Office as First Class Mail on the date indicated below in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Mail Stop Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2003, applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time of THREE months from December 11, 2003, up to and including March 11, 2004, to file the attached Amendment A in response to the Office Action in this application.

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge the requisite extension fee of \$465.00 as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) to Deposit Acct. No. 50-1133. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Acct. No. 50-1133. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed.

01 FC:2253

Dated: 3-9-04

10081655

03/12/2004 SDENBOB1 00000133 501133

475.00 DA

Jeffrey J. Miller

Registration Number 39,773 McDermott, Will & Emery

28 State Street

Boston, MA 02109-1775

Respectfully submitted,

Tel.: (617) 535-4421 Fax: (617) 535-3800